

PATENT APPLICATION
FOR
CARD WITH ATTACHMENT FLAP

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

(Not Applicable)

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention non-exclusively relates to a card such as a traditional business card, and in particular to a card comprising at least one integral flap for [tensionally] clippingly engaging the card to an edge of a paper sheet.

[0002] A major concern of persons who routinely present business cards along with other papers to potential clients, customers, and the like is that the recipients of these cards may well lose the cards, forget which cards should accompany which papers, or otherwise disconnect with the identities of the respective card providers. In other words, short of carrying a stapler, a supply of paperclips, or a roll of adhesive tape, there presently is really no manner in which a business card or similar product can be attached to papers, a folder cover, or any type of document.

[0003] In view of the present unavailability of easy attachability of a card product to a document, it is a primary object of the present invention to provide a card product comprising at least one integral flap for providing clippable engageability of the card product along an edge of a paper sheet to thereby clippingly attach the card product to the sheet.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0004] The present invention is a card comprising at least one integral flap for clippable engagability of said card along an edge of a paper sheet to thereby attach said card to said sheet. The

card can be constructed of a paper product sheet material, a plastic sheet material, or other sheet material so long as the flap thereof and the remainder of the card are flexibly movable with respect to each other. Preferably, the flap is formed from the body of the card.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0005] An illustrative and presently preferred embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawing in which:

[0006] Figure 1 is a front elevation view of a card having an integral flap;

[0007] Figure 2 is a front elevation view of a card having a plurality of integral flaps;

[0008] Figure 3 is a front elevation view of a sheet of card stock from which multiple cards can be produced; and

[0009] Figure 4 is a front elevation view of the card of Figure 1 clippingly engaged along an edge of a paper sheet to thereby attach the card to the sheet.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0010] Referring first to Figure 1, a traditional business card 10 is shown having a V-shaped cut 12 there through to form a flap 14 integral with and formed from the body of the card 10. While the flap 14 here shown in Figure 1 is V-shaped, it is to be understood that other shapes can be chosen as desired so long as flap utility thereof is maintained. Also, and as exemplified in Figure 2, a plurality of flaps 16, 18 can be provided for a card 20. It is, of course, to be understood that the size of the card 10, 20 is not meant to be limited solely to the size (generally about 2" x 3.5") of traditional business cards, but instead can encompass any practical size that can be employed while exhibiting the novel properties of the present invention.

[0011] The card 10 can be produced in multiples as currently performed by, for example,

printing such cards twelve-up on a card stock sheet 22 (each card measuring about two inches by about three and one-half inches) and thereafter cutting the card stock sheet 22 along respective lines 24 to thereby produce one dozen separate cards 10. As shown in Figure 3, the card stock sheet 22 is provided with twelve separate cuts 12 corresponding to final disposition in each of the respective twelve cards 10 produced from the card stock sheet 22. Each cut 12 can be accomplished with a correspondingly-shaped blade (not shown) as known in the art for cutting through card stock material.

[0012] Figure 4 illustrates the flap 14 (Figure 1) of the card 10 of Figure 1 clippingly engaged along an edge 26 of a paper sheet 28, thereby attaching the card 10 to the paper sheet 28 when the flap 14 (Figure 1) remains disposed behind (and thus not visible in Figure 4) the paper sheet 28. In this manner a user can maintain a business card 10 with any other related document (e.g. the paper sheet 28) to thereby preserve the identity of a person or other source listed on the card 10 and associated with the document.

[0013] While illustrative and presently preferred embodiments of the invention have been described in detail herein, it is to be understood that the inventive concepts may be otherwise variously embodied and employed and that the appended claims are intended to be construed to include such variations except insofar as limited by the prior art.